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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

A personal interview was conducted on September 4, 2008 and attended by Examiner Kenneth Horlick, Examiner Molly Baughman, Calvin Fan, John Murphy and Jerry L. Hefner.

Exhibits

A device manufactured by the patent owner for use with one or more of the claimed methods was shown. Specifically, the device was a two component system comprising a first substrate having a plurality of assay wells and a second substrate comprising a surface having numerous peg-like projections protruding in the same orientation. At the end of each of the projections was an array location containing thousands of different nucleic acids bound at discrete sites. The process of dipping the projections of the second substrate into the assay wells of the first substrate was also demonstrated.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 29 was discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,340,588 (Nova et al.) was discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants argued that Nova et al. do not disclose several of the limitations recited in independent claim 29. Applicants also argued that the claims are patentable over the claims of the co-owned patents cited by the Examiner.

Results of Interview

It was agreed that the claim rejections would be reconsidered.